ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES ACADEMIC CALENDAR

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Orientation	August 3, 2026	August 7, 2026
Open House/Convocation Ceremony	August 7, 2026	
Fall Semester	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
Holiday: Labor Day	September 7, 2026	
Classes Resume	September 8, 2026	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 14, 2026	
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	November 6, 2026	
Friendsgiving	November 19, 2026	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 23, 2026	November 27, 2026
Classes Resume	November 30, 2026	
Spring Student Registration	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	December 4, 2026	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2026	
Conferral Date - Fall 2026	December 14, 2026	
Winter Break	December 15, 2026	December 31, 2026
Grades Due in Systems	December 17, 2026	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	
Spring Semester	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
SJGS Winter Formal	January 16, 2027	
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 8, 2027	
Spring Break	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	April 5, 2027	April 9, 2027
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	May 3, 2027	
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	May 24, 2027	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2027	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	
Grades due in Systems	June 2, 2027	
Conferral Date - Spring 2027	June 4, 2027	
Commencement Ceremony	June 4, 2027	
Summer Break	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027

Summer Course Dates	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Holiday : Juneteenth	June 19, 2027	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 3, 2027	

Conferral Date - Summer 2027 ***Summer Completions will be conferred on the fall 2027 conferral date.***
Intent to Graduate Forms are due by the Fall 2027 due date.

Note: For detailed program dates, please refer to the individual program calendars.

MS – Applied Biomedical Data Sciences

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Orientation	August 3, 2026	August 7, 2026
Open House/Convocation Ceremony	August 7, 2026	
Fall Semester	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
ADS Course: Ethics and Professionalism in Biomedical Data Sciences	August 10, 2026	August 14, 2026
ADS Course: Essential Computing Skills for Biomedical Data Sciences	August 17, 2026	September 4, 2026
Holiday: Labor Day	September 7, 2026	
Classes Resume	September 8, 2026	
ADS Course: Essential Biology for Biomedical Data Sciences	September 8, 2026	October 2, 2026
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 14, 2026	
Event : KID25 Biohackathon	September 15, 2026	September 18, 2026
Fall Break	October 5, 2026	October 6, 2026
ADS Course: Data Bases and Data Wrangling	October 7, 2026	October 23, 2026
ADS Course: Essential Mathematics for Biomedical Data Sciences	October 26, 2025	November 9, 2026
Course Elective Selection	November 1, 2026	November 15, 2026
Event : KID25 Symposium	November 10, 2026	November 12, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	November 6, 2026	
ADS Course: Biostatistics for Biomedical Data Sciences I	November 16, 2026	December 11, 2026
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 23, 2026	November 27, 2026
Classes Resume	November 30, 2026	
Spring Student Registration	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	December 4, 2026	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2026	
Conferral Date - Fall 2026	December 14, 2026	
Winter Break	December 15, 2026	December 31, 2026
Grades Due in Systems	December 17, 2026	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	
Spring Semester	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
ADS Course: Biostatistics for Biomedical Data Sciences II	January 4, 2027	January 22, 2027
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	
ADS Course: Scientific Rigor in Biomedical Data Sciences	January 25, 2027	February 5, 2027
Mentor and Elective Selection Week	February 8, 2027	February 12, 2027
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 8, 2027	
ADS Course: Omics Data Analysis I	February 15, 2027	March 5, 2027
Spring Break	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
ADS Course: Machine Learning	March 15, 2027	April 2, 2027
ADS Course: Effective Communication for Biomedical Data Scientists	April 5, 2027	April 9, 2027
ADS Course: Developing Scientific Software Applications	April 12, 2027	April 30, 2027
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	TBA	TBA
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	May 3, 2027	

ADS Course: Elective Courses	May 3, 2027	May 21, 2027
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	May 24, 2027	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2027	
Grades due in Systems	June 2, 2027	
Conferral Date - Spring 2027	June 4, 2027	
Commencement Ceremony	June 4, 2027	
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
ADS Course: Practicum in Applied Biomedical Data Sciences	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Holiday : Juneteenth	June 19, 2027	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 3, 2027	

Conferral Date - Summer 2027 ***Summer Completions will be conferred on the fall 2027 conferral date.***
Intent to Graduate Forms are due by the Fall 2027 due date.

MS/PhD – Biomedical Sciences

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Orientation	August 3, 2026	August 7, 2026
Open House/Convocation Ceremony	August 7, 2026	
Fall Semester	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
BMS Course : Dissertation Research YR2	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
BMS Course: Dissertation Research	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
BMS Course: Genes to Proteins	August 10, 2026	September 2, 2026
BMS Course: Topics in Clinical & Translational Research I	August 12, 2026	December 4, 2026
BMS Course: Core Facilities I	August 11, 2026	November 10, 2026
Holiday: Labor Day	September 7, 2026	
Classes Resume	September 8, 2026	
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation I	September 8, 2026	October 16, 2026
BMS Course: Scientific Writing & Communications I	September 2, 2025	November 20, 2025
BMS Course: Biostatistics	October 13, 2026	December 10, 2026
BMS Course: Cell Biology	October 19, 2026	November 11, 2026
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 14, 2026	
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission / PhD Defense Deadline	November 6, 2026	
BMS Course: Developmental Biology	November 13, 2026	December 14, 2026
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 23, 2026	November 27, 2026
Classes Resume	November 30, 2026	
Spring Student Registration	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	December 4, 2026	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2026	
Conferral Date - Fall 2026	December 14, 2026	
Winter Break	December 15, 2026	December 31, 2026
Grades Due in Systems	December 17, 2026	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	
Spring Semester	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
BMS Course : Dissertation Research YR2	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
BMS Course : Dissertation Research	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
BMS Course: Cancer Biology	January 4, 2027	January 25, 2027
BMS Course: Core Facilities II	January 5, 2027	April 6, 2027
BMS Course: Scientific Writing & Communications II	January 5, 2027	April 8, 2027
BMS Course: Topics in Clinical & Translational Research II	January 6, 2027	May 19, 2027
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation II	January 26, 2027	March 5, 2027
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 8, 2027	
Spring Break	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
BMS Course: Immunology & Infectious Diseases	March 15, 2027	April 7, 2027
BMS Course: Computational Biology	March 16, 2027	April 29, 2027

BMS Course: Pharmacology & Chemical Biology	April 9, 2027	April 23, 2027
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation III	April 26, 2027	June 4, 2027
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission/ PhD Defense Deadline	May 3, 2027	
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	May 24, 2027	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2027	
Grades due in Systems	June 2, 2027	
Conferral Date - Spring 2027	June 4, 2027	
Commencement Ceremony	June 4, 2027	
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
BMS Course : Dissertation Research YR2	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
BMS Course: Dissertation Research	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Holiday : Juneteenth	June 19, 2027	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 3, 2027	

Conferral Date - Summer 2027 ***Summer Completions will be conferred on the Fall 2027 conferral date.***
Intent to Graduate Forms are due by the Fall 2027 due date.

MS – Clinical Investigations

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Orientation	August 3, 2026	August 7, 2026
Open House/Convocation Ceremony	August 7, 2026	
Fall Semester	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
2nd Year CLI Electives	August 18, 2026	December 3, 2026
CLI Course: Introduction to Patient Oriented Research	August 20, 2026	December 3, 2026
CLI Course: Thesis Research Project	August 18, 2026	December 3, 2026
CLI Course: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences I	August 18, 2026	December 3, 2026
CLI Course: Introduction to Epidemiology	August 18, 2026	December 1, 2026
CLI Course: Ethical and Legal Issues in Clinical Research	September 24, 2026	December 3, 2026
CLI Course: Critical Assessment of Contemporary Clinical Trials	August 20, 2026	October 8, 2026
Holiday: Labor Day	September 7, 2026	
Classes Resume	September 8, 2026	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 14, 2026	
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	November 6, 2026	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 23, 2026	November 27, 2026
Classes Resume	November 30, 2026	
Spring Student Registration	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	December 4, 2026	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2026	
Conferral Date - Fall 2026	December 14, 2026	
Winter Break	December 15, 2026	December 31, 2026
Grades Due in Systems	December 17, 2026	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	
Spring Semester	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	
CLI Course: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences II	January 19, 2026	May 6, 2026
CLI Course: Advanced Clinical and Translational Research Methods	January 19, 2026	May 6, 2026
CLI Course: Scientific Writing and Communications	January 19, 2026	May 6, 2026
CLI Course: Thesis Research Project	January 19, 2026	May 6, 2026
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 8, 2027	
Spring Break	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	TBA	TBA
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	May 3, 2027	
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	May 24, 2027	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2027	
Grades due in Systems	June 2, 2027	
Conferral Date - Spring 2027	June 4, 2027	
Commencement Ceremony	June 4, 2027	

Summer Break	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Summer Course Dates	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027
Holiday : Juneteenth	June 19, 2027	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 3, 2027	

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MS – Global Child Health

Fall Semester	Begin	End
GCH course: Intersession 1	June 1, 2026	June 11, 2026
GCH course: Intersession 3	June 1, 2026	June 11, 2026
Fall Student Registration	July 15, 2026	July 31, 2026
Orientation	August 3, 2026	August 7, 2026
Convocation Ceremony	August 7, 2026	
Fall Semester	August 10, 2026	December 14, 2026
GCH Course: Principles of Biostatistics	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
GCH Course: Introduction to Epidemiology	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
GCH Course: Foundations of Global Health	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
GCH Course: Political Economy of Global Child Health (second-year)	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
GCH Course: Thesis Seminar (second-year)	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
GCH Course: Child Health and Health Systems Innovation (second-year)	August 17, 2026	December 6, 2026
Holiday: Labor Day	September 7, 2026	
Classes Resume	September 8, 2026	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 14, 2026	
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	November 6, 2026	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 23, 2026	November 27, 2026
Classes Resume	November 30, 2026	
Spring Student Registration	December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	December 4, 2026	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2026	
Conferral Date - Fall 2026	December 14, 2026	
Winter Break	December 15, 2026	December 31, 2026
Grades Due in Systems	December 17, 2026	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2027	
Spring Semester	January 4, 2027	June 5, 2027
GCH course: Intersession 2	January 11, 2027	January 21, 2027
GCH course: Intersession 4	January 11, 2027	January 21, 2027
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 18, 2027	
GCH Course: Research Methods in Global Health	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
GCH Course: Health Economics	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
GCH Course: Introduction to Health Systems and Policy	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
GCH Course: Strategic Management of Child Health Programs (second-year)	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
GCH Course: Organizational Leadership (second-year)	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
GCH Course: Thesis Practicum (second-year)	January 25, 2027	May 16, 2027
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 8, 2027	
Spring Break	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	TBA	TBA
Thesis/ Dissertation Initial Submission	May 3, 2027	
Thesis/ Dissertation Final Revision	May 24, 2027	

Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31, 2027	
Confirmation - Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2027	
Grades due in Systems	June 2, 2027	
Conferral Date - Spring 2027	June 4, 2027	
Commencement Ceremony	June 4, 2027	
Summer Break	June 7, 2027	July 30, 2027

Fall thesis deadlines will be determined on a case-by-case basis